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Secretary Ken Salazar
United States Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW
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Dear Secretary Salazar,

I am writing to encourage the Department of Interior to review its commitment to the Iran Sanctions Act. I seek a response from the Department on the steps it has taken to ensure that the Department does not conduct business with companies in violation of this critical American foreign policy directive.

By targeting the Iranian energy sector with sanctions, the United States has long attempted to raise the cost for Iran's illicit activity. Iran's energy sector is the lifeblood of its economy. Congress and President Clinton decided when they approved the Iran Sanctions Act that if Iran were truly to face a cutoff of foreign energy investment, the chances of the Iranian government reconsidering its negative behavior, including its nuclear program and support for terrorism, would undoubtedly increase.

As the Obama Administration completes its review of American policy on Iran, it is crucial that all components of the U.S. government take part. I look forward to hearing your comments.

Sincerely,

Doug Lamborn
Member of Congress